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12 December 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the National Press Club

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline an invitation to address a luncheon at the National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

2. Background: President of the National Press Club David Hess has again invited you to address the National Press Club sometime this winter. HUD Contract Appeals Judge David Anderson has been in direct contact with this office, and would handle the details of the luncheon. Since we have figured prominently in the news recently, Judge Anderson suggested that we might like this opportunity "to make a policy statement".

The suggested format is a reception for the speaker and invited guests at noon, luncheon for general membership at 12:30 p.m. and speech at 1:00 p.m. with 20 minutes of remarks followed by 30 minutes of questions presented in writing. As in the case of all National Press Club luncheons, you would be heard live over 303 stations of the National Public Radio network, and televised on the cable satellite public affairs network, C-Span.

The National Press Club is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious press club in Washington. No club in the country has more working journalists as members. According to their brochure, more heads of state appear at the National Press Club than in any other forum in the United States outside the Oval Office. Recent speakers have been: FBI Director William Webster, Chairman of SEC John Shad, Secretary of HHS Margaret Heckler, Chief Justice Warren Burger, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, former OMB Director David Stockman and Secretary of Labor William Brock. (See opposite for further information.)

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3. Recommendation: The National Press Club is back to us again offering you an opportunity to speak to them. Your talk would be carried live on radio and TV. As you are aware, it has been our policy not to appear in a forum such as this. An appearance before the Club could be misinterpreted by foreign liaison and our agents and could be misconstrued in the U.S. as contradicting the public message you recently sent Senator Durenberger. However, broader policy considerations may make it desirable for you to utilize this forum. I defer to you.

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George V. Lauder

ACCEPT: Proposed Date: _____

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DECLINE:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date